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that they would be able to bring back one amendment that they would like to see addressed. But I've had other people ask me what would be the ramifications of this? What would be the new cost per pupil? Presently, that small school factor group, the cost per pupil is \$5,007. Remember, it's in the \$4,100 area for the standard cost group. The intent is to raise that amount to a higher level. They do not know what that new amount would be, nor do they know what the general cost of raising that amount would be, but anytime you do some of those things, it certainly has a ramification to other schools that are being sent money through the school finance formula. And so I would tell you this. If we would return this and adopt this, remember we looked at schools, and, actually, this was with the representation of both those who opposed 806 and who supported 806, decided together to use schools who had 900 students or fewer, and then to come up with an average cost. We got the results, and the results were not what they hoped for, and so now they would like to move that to 700 and below because that would up the cost. The schools in that niche from 7 to 9 hundred have lower costs than the schools 700 and below. As you move down, we saw those handouts that show you, as you move down in size, you have a higher per pupil cost. So by moving this to 700 and below, you will be upping that amount that is currently \$5,007. When you do that, that takes more money. So we could do two things. We could add more than the \$110 million, and I don't think that there will be the votes to do that, or you will be taking money from schools who are not in that nine school group right now and be sending...taking money away from them and directing it towards those schools. It's that simple. I believe that what we did after our last meeting in addressing the schools who moved into the sparse category, 18 or 19 of those, who will now get \$700 more per student, and recognizing these schools, setting out the parameters, and then seeing which schools would meet those parameters, which schools would meet the parameters of not...of not being a high spender within that 900 and below, and the number of schools that qualified were nine. Partly, that's because of the number of schools that got helped by putting more money in the A bill, and the number of schools that got helped by being moved into the sparse category. I think we have done a great deal to meet the needs of those schools, those small schools with those special concerns, and I think now to make a move in this direction, you would only take